

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JULY 14, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BUTLER made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the resolution respecting the extra compensation allowed by law to the district judge of the United States for the State of Louisiana, report:*

That, by the 13th section of the act of 26th of May, 1824, authorizing claimants to land in Missouri and Arkansas to institute suits against the United States, and which was revived and extended to the State of Louisiana, by the act of 17th of June, 1844, the district judge of the United States for the latter State was allowed an extra compensation of eight hundred dollars per annum while in the discharge of the duties imposed by said act; that the duties imposed by said act have been regularly performed by the judge since the passage of the law of 1844, and still continues to be performed. An appropriation has been regularly made for this purpose since the passage of the act, until the last session of Congress, when it was restricted to two hundred dollars, instead of eight hundred, to each of the judges embraced by it, with a proviso that the act authorizing this appropriation should be repealed after the 1st of October, 1847. This was done under the impression that the extra duties had been fully performed and completed, and that such duties were no longer required. This was probably the case with the judges in Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Alabama, as no complaint has been made, as far as the committee know, from those States. But not so with the judge of the district of Louisiana. He has been, and will be, until the end of the next fiscal year, as much employed in the performance of these extra duties as at any time during the existence of the law, and therefore the appropriation of last year ought to have been for eight hundred instead of two hundred dollars, and the usual appropriation for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June, 1849. And accordingly recommend that an amendment be made to the general appropriation bill in these words: "For additional compensation to the district judge of Louisiana, for the year ending the 30th of June, 1848, six hundred dollars, being the deficiency of the appropriation of last year, and eight hundred dollars for the year ending the 30th of June, 1849, under the provisions of the 1st section of the act of 17th of June, 1844."

